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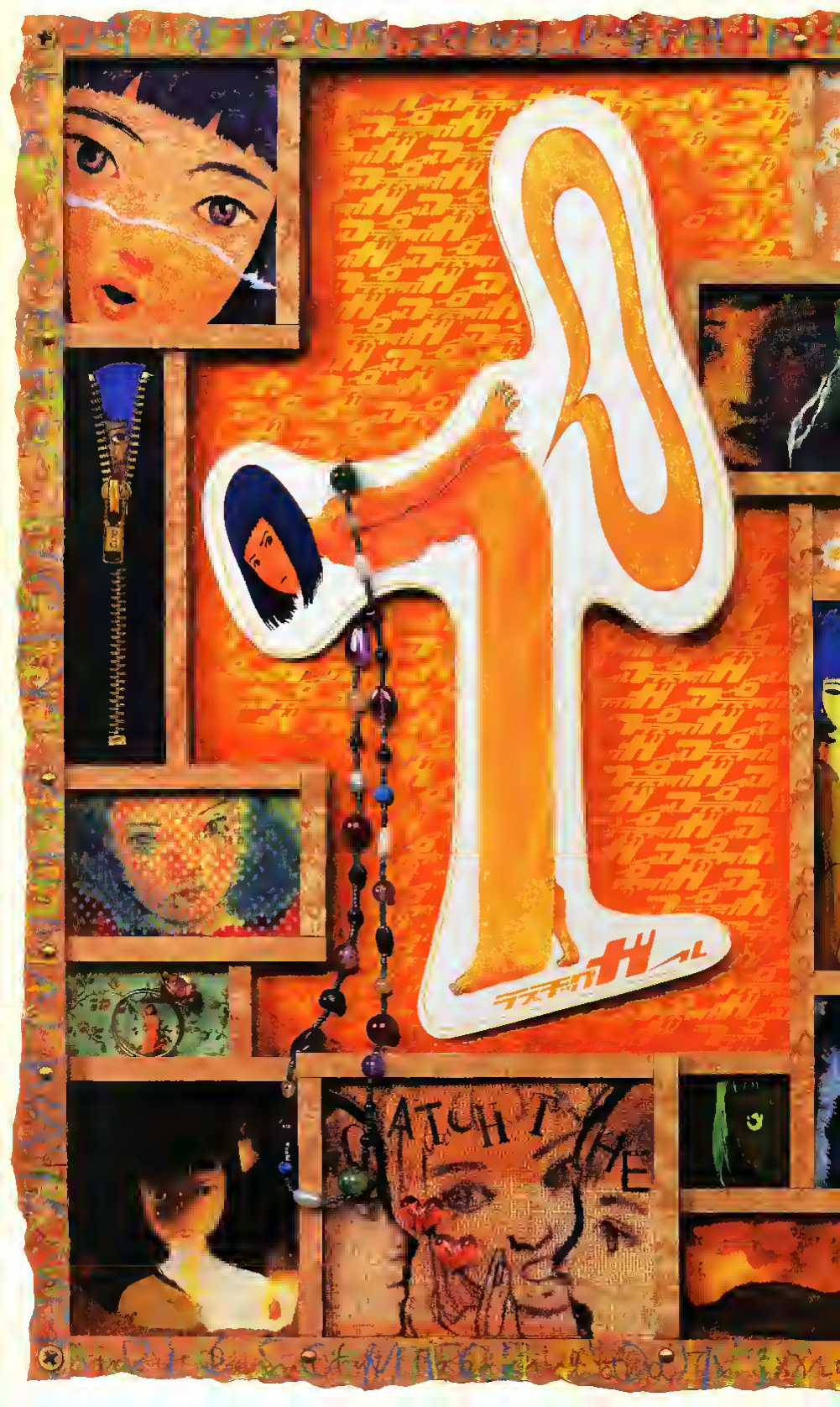
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おとなに、なる。
1. まどろむ。 2.
きもちときもち。
ままにうみおと
ぱぱとままのきもち。
8.
みとめない。

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(あなたたちのことは、もうずぐわすれてしまうでしょう。)
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PLASTIC GIRL

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Daddy forbade me from smiling.
So I wouldn't have dreams and hopes.
Mommy spawned me...so I would bear all her sins.

My eyes were covered by Daddy.
So I wouldn't know the way.
My mouth was gagged and my ears were plugged by Mommy.
So I would hear and speak no evil.

1. I was scolded by Mommy because I kept silent and killed my feelings.

2. I became a doll.

3. Creak creak creak...

4. Uh.

5. Crash scatter scatter

6. What was the real shape of a human being again?

7. Like this, maybe? Yes, this must be it.

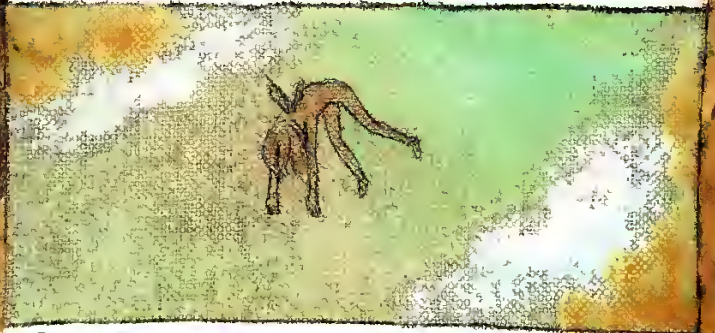
8. When I went outside I realized I looked different.

9. My shape was the loveliest. I felt pity for the others.

The next morning my wound had healed with the cage still inside.

The birdie's wings broke through my back and burst out.

My back began to hurt.

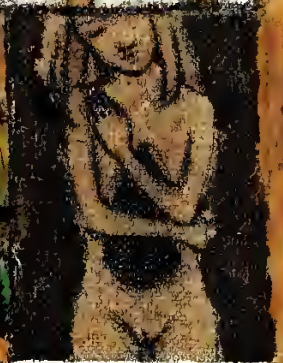


The birdie flew me to school. (So birdie is Mommy's ally too?)

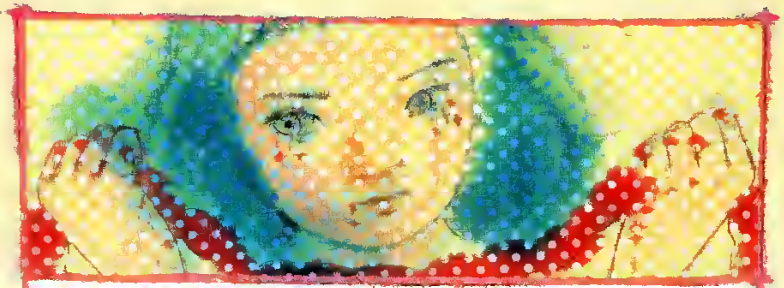
I didn't want to go to school so I let my guts spill out.

Look at all the crows. I must be delicious.

Let me put a birdie in and I will feel better.



My body is empty and this makes me feel lonely.



I thought, "The inside of an angel is not special at all."

So I taught them how to catch angels.

Everybody began to copy me.
(Even though it's a childish thing to do)

The next day
I attached it to my knapsack.
EveryOne seemed really envious.

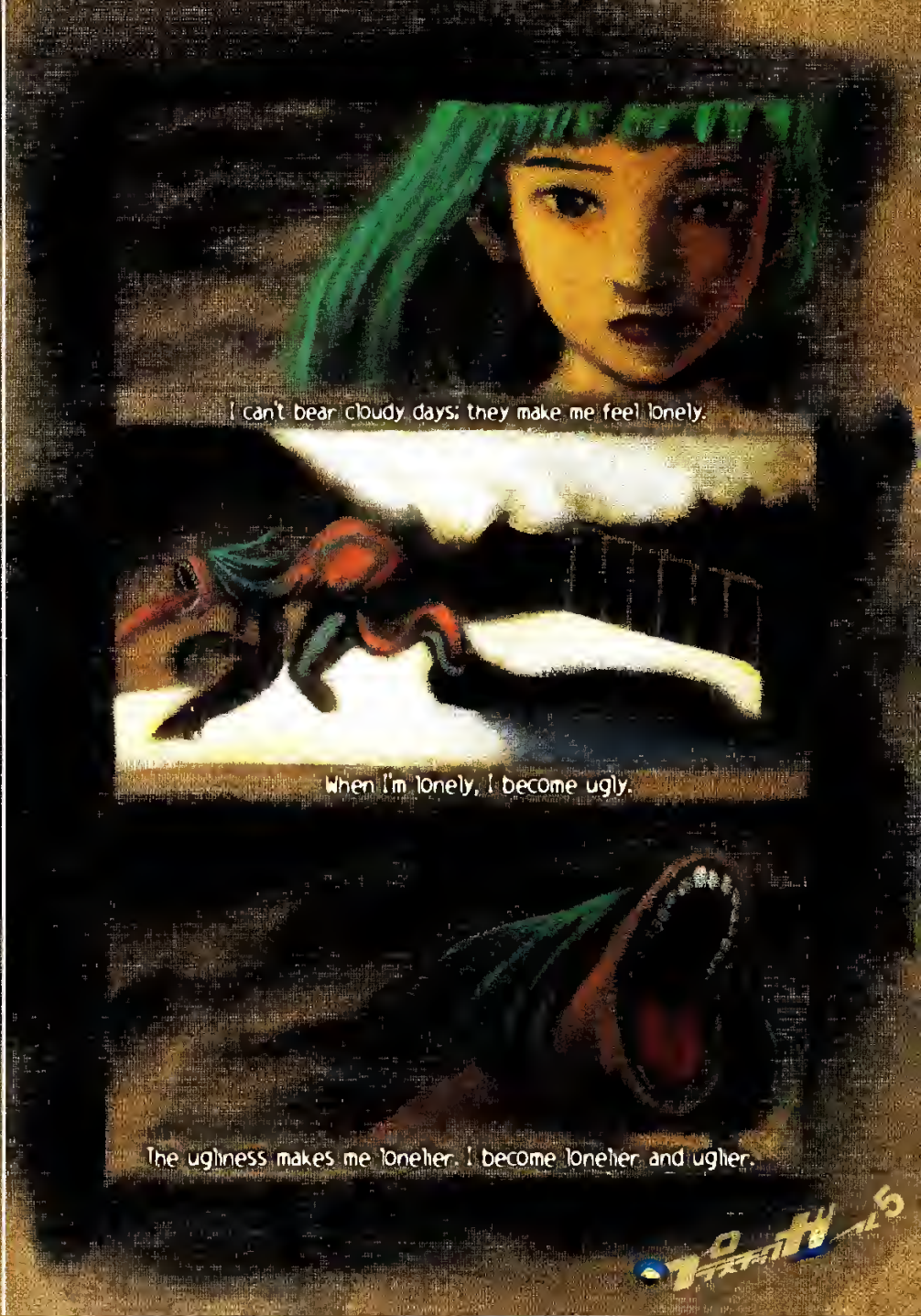
I put some makeup on and pretended to be dead.

Then a goofy-looking angel came for me.

And dissected it for fun.

I caught the angel.

Daddy is afraid.
Mommy is sad.
But if someone paid attention to me, I would instantly return to my usual self.

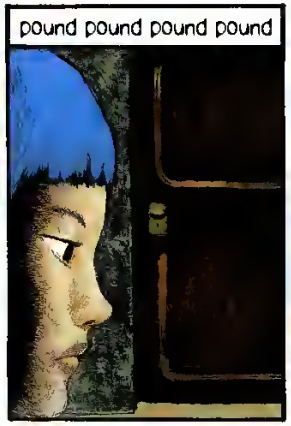

I can't bear cloudy days; they make me feel lonely.
When I'm lonely, I become ugly.
The ugliness makes me lonelier. I become lonelier and uglier.

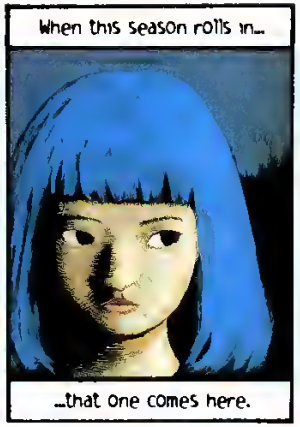
Little Chirimi happy
Chirimi
butter
I shook myself 100 times
but I didn't turn into it.
Let's go for 200
tomorrow
energy
The TV said that there are things in this world that cannot be seen with the eyes.
But if you can't see anything then nothing's there.
What an idiot, TV!
Jam
Mommy is "Ponko"
Mommy
was
the one
who named
me
secretly
I give her
one back
yellow
yellow means careful
green means go
yellow means careful
green means go
see the lady holding
the yellow flag
careful!

Mr. Allergy...

achoo

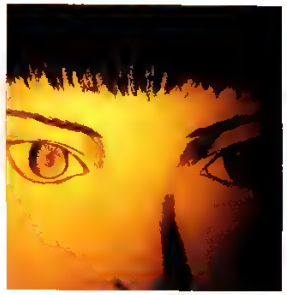
No way I'm opening the door.





...that one comes here.

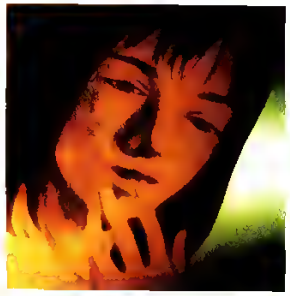
Daddy and Mommy's sad faces...



Daddy and Mommy
cuddle my empty husk
even now.

Daddy...
Mommy...

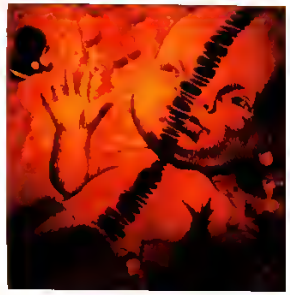
That's how ugly
my present self is.



Mommy, smiling.

Daddy, smiling.

The moment I shed my skin.



I still remember.

IT'S THIS WAY!
I'M HOME.
DADDY
UNKNOWN CHILD
MOMMY
THE MOONLIGHT STABBED ME AND I CRIED BECAUSE IT HURT.

MR. SNAKE, PLEASE PLAY WITH ME.
OH MY!
IT'S A BEAR TREE.
THAT WAS FUN.
OH NO!
WALK WALK WALK
SPIT! SPIT! THIS BEAR IS STILL UNRIPE.
HANK YOU!
THE DEAD GIRL'S EYES TURN IN THE DIRECTION OF MY HOUSE
I'M TOTALLY LOST.

happy feelings
fun feelings
kind feelings
The feelings that I threw away. (they're already rotten so I can't use them)
bug
bug
bug
bug
leaf
bug
feather
bug
bug
baby
fish
butterfly
my eye
my blood
my dream
my heart
my past
The self that I threw away. (I'm saving this so Daddy and Mommy won't find it)
The smile that I threw away. (it's already rotten so I can't use it)

it's me when i was a baby
Oh
i remember now
swallowing something
so that's the little bone i've had stuck in my throat all this time... huh.

unidentified flying object packed full of hair
pitch-black handless legless rabbit
girl i've seen before can't recall her name
i've dreamt this before
a long long time ago when i was very small

But if they find out, I'll be scolded.

And I can't hide it forever.

My child...

...is very cute.

I'm sad but I think it was the right thing to do...

I imitate Daddy and Mommy by taking all my clothes off and hugging my teddy bear.

It feels really nice. This is definitely grownup love.

Three days later I give birth to a tiny teddy bear.

If I stop feeding it out of spite...

The god badgers me more and more...

...and do a little dance, or act out a little play, crying all the while, asking for food.

...it'll stop emitting light...

This god inside of me...

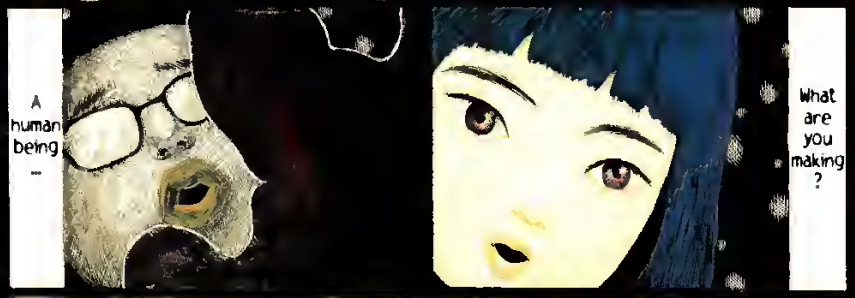
What a disgrace!

Its eyes are always hunting around for new things.

The god that is inside of me is very ugly and very greedy.

...it makes disgusting noises all the while.

Whenever I feed it...



Having said this, Akio returned to his dark game.

Akio's human being was shivering as if he were cold.

Akio is always playing at the sandpit.

He's a little strange.

Akio...

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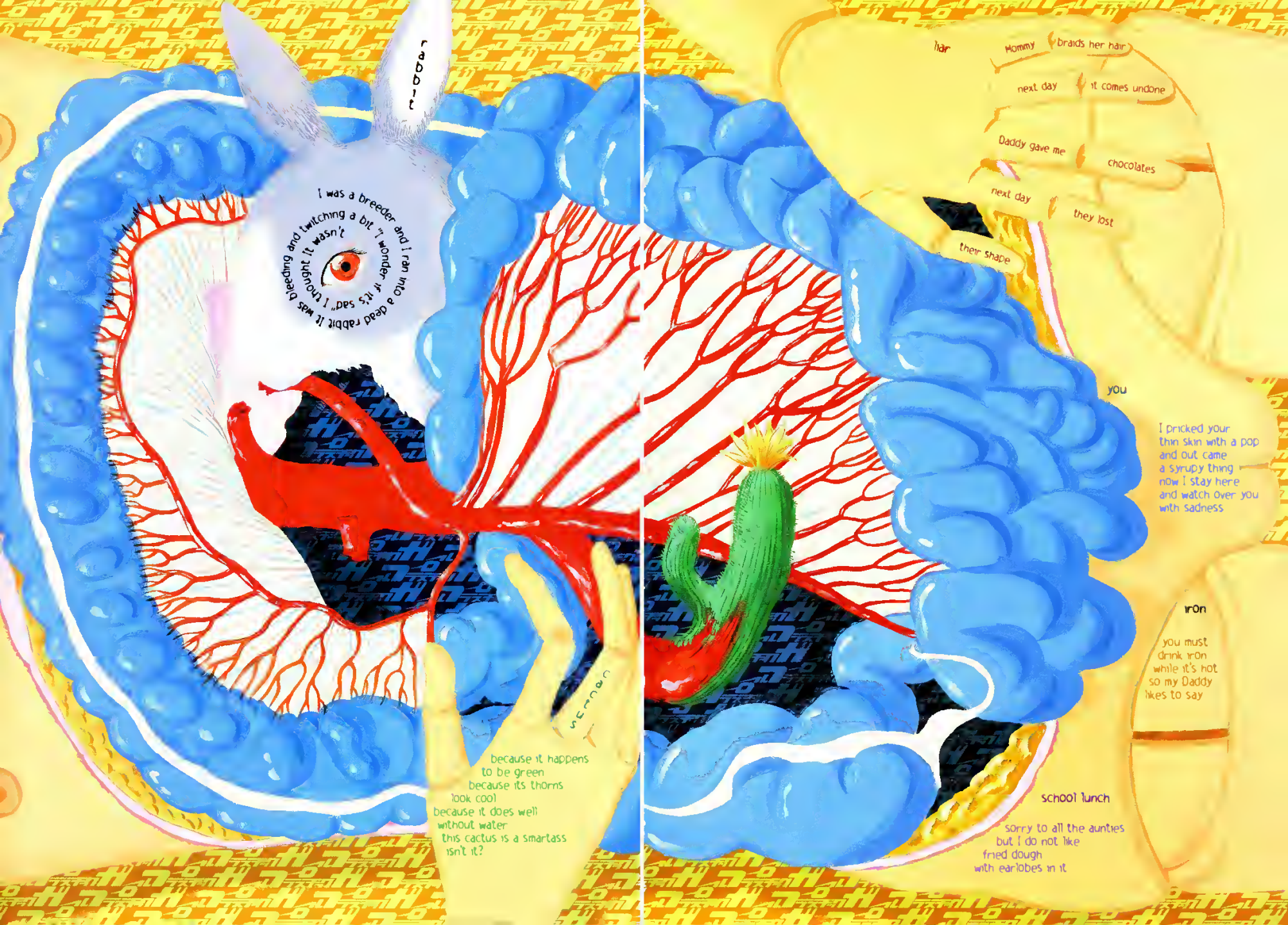
Let's play together.


rabbit
I was a breeder and I ran into a dead rabbit it was bleeding and twitching a bit "I wonder if it's sad" I thought it wasn't
because it happens
to be green
because its thorns
look cool
because it does well
without water
this cactus is a smartass
isn't it?
hair
Mommy braids her hair
next day it comes undone
Daddy gave me chocolates
next day they lost
their shape
you
I pricked your
thin skin with a pop
and out came
a syrupy thing
now I stay here
and watch over you
with sadness
iron
you must
drink iron
while it's hot
so my Daddy
likes to say
school lunch
sorry to all the aunties
but I do not like
fried dough
with earlobes in it

That's because you're a fake.

No matter how sad I may become, you will be the same.

Am I simply being used as an expression by someone I have never met?

Will I disappear when you close this book?

Is there a world out there

My shut-up heart.

Even if I'm like this, no one will pay attention, no one will even care.

This world is an anything goes kind of world.

Ah, I am accepted as that sort of thing.

Who am I?
What am I?

4. A dark shadow merges into me.
Daddy and Mommy's feelings.
5. Don't be afraid of me...
6. I am made like this. For all eternity.
7. Will you be kind to me when time has passed? I'll be dozing off until then, OK?
8. I won't ever wake up. I'm sure of that.

2. I slowly melt.
1. I doze off.
With all sorts.
3. I get mixed.
Things with things.
Feelings with feelings.

I plan on being myself forever.

I leaf through this album for the first time.

Mommy probably thought the same.

This...this is not me.

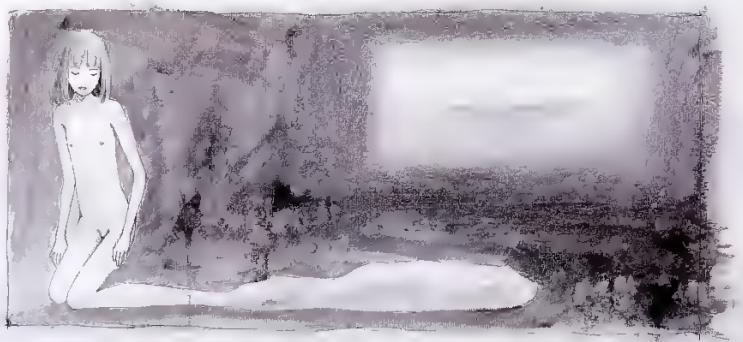
No way! Me? Go on to become a grownup?! No way...

Mommy...?

splash splash rustle rustle rustle

Fun because it's me. Heeheeheehee.

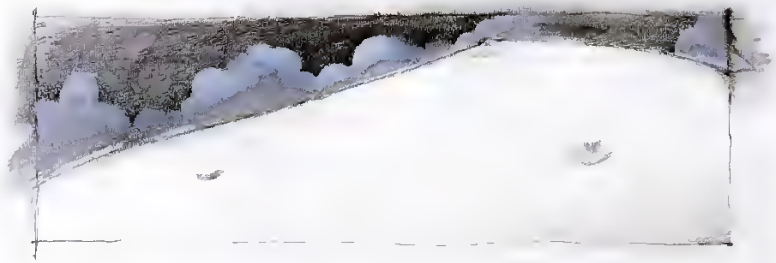
Adulthood started to come in through my feet.



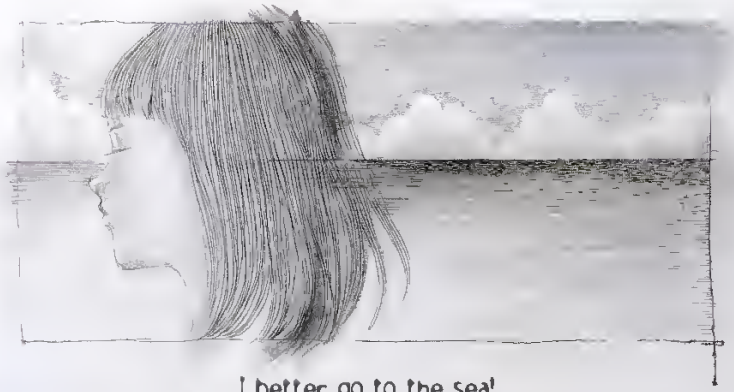
The summer sea grew dimmer. Then it faded away.

From that window you're supposed to be able to see the summer sea and the summer sky.

Before my chest swells up,



Before I grow up,



I better go to the sea!

I begin to understand Daddy and Mommy.

I realize the world isn't such a bad place after all.

I hate this...kind of ...hate...

My world spills from the palm of my hand.

My breasts swell no matter how much I cut.

Adulthood spreads all over my body; I can't stop it.

My hatred and my sadness...drift off.

They're all flowers. Beautiful flowers.
They cover me softly with their wonderful scent...
The crimson blood made of the four friends brought me out of my sleep.

I don't want see...
I don't want to accept...anything.
I don't want to hear...
The world that is inside of me...
It's one big flower garden.
...is uninhabited.

I thought how flowers were so nice.
I wanted to become a tree when I grew up.
The sun streaming through the leaves was nice, too.
I wanted to be the sweet and kind smells...
...and the gently flowing time.
Goodbye, myself.
Goodbye.
Goodbye.
Aki0.
Us.
I will probably forget all about you very soon.
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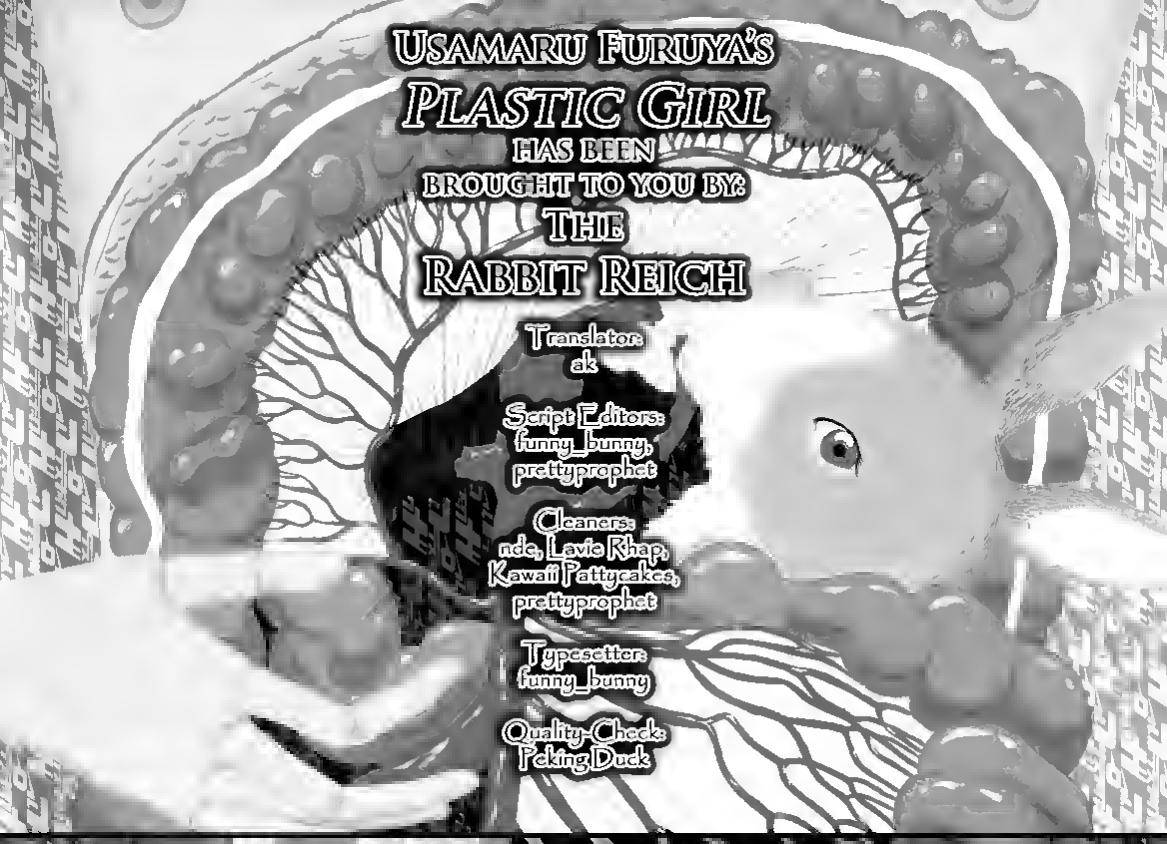

Peking Duck:
Remember when I put highlights in my hair for the first time in like..... 7th grade and mom and dad freaked the fuck out? Then I hid out at Nyx's for 2 days.

Kawaii Pattycakes:
My school life was great! It's still great!

prettyprophet:
To all the adolescents who are hopefully reading this (girl, boy, doesn't matter): don't worry. All that senseless rage and apathy'll give way to senseless tedium and acceptance..... or you can say fuck that and do something worthwhile. Please, don't waste your time on petty bullshit.

nde:
"Like the wild beasts, she lives without a future."

funny_bunny:
C'mon! More more more RABBIT LIFE!

ak:
I hated recycling plastic so I moved to where they just burn it. Heaven!!!

Lavie Rhap:
I am quite happy with my girlhood; no doubt Duck, Mori, Nyx, Pat, Prophet, Ed, Kibbles&Mint, nde, Trojan, Whopper, and the many, many others made this possible. Thank you very much.